

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0719

**Title:** Revise laws governing ballot measures

**Primary Sponsor:** Olson, A

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### **Legislative Branch**

1. The number of petitions for ballot measures in any given election cycle is unpredictable.
2. Current statute requires that the text of proposed ballot measures must be submitted to the Legislative Services Division (LSD) for review. The LSD provides the person submitting the text with written recommendations for changes in the text of proposed measures, or prepares a statement that no changes are recommended.
3. If the person submitting the text rejects the division's recommendations, HB 719 requires the LSD to prepare a statement of issues with regard to the rejected recommendations. The statement will be printed on the petition form pursuant to 13-7-312, MCA.
4. The Legislative Services Division will complete the preparation of statements of issues within existing resources.
5. HB 719 requires the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) to perform a fiscal impact analysis of petitions for ballot measures and prepare a fiscal statement based on the analysis. The analysis and statement must be complete prior to the Secretary of State's approval or rejection of the petition. The fiscal statement must be printed on the petition and ballot if the measure is placed on the ballot.

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6. Each fiscal impact analysis and statement will be completed in the required 14-day period (for initiatives) or 20-day period (for referendums) and will require an average of 80 hours to complete. The 14-day deadline may limit the scope of data gathering.
7. The Legislative Fiscal Division will complete the fiscal analyses within existing resources. The addition to the LFD interim work plan will limit the discretion of the Legislative Finance Committee to prioritize LFD duties and projects and may affect the LFD ability to respond to legislative requests during the time period the LFD must respond to the Secretary of State.
8. If a fiscal statement prepared by the LFD becomes the subject of a court action as outlined in section 11 of HB 719, the LSD will provide legal counsel from within existing resources.

### **Executive Branch**

#### **Commissioner of Political Practices**

9. There is no fiscal impact.

#### **Secretary of State**

10. There is no fiscal impact.

#### **Department of Justice**

11. There is no fiscal impact.

#### **Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning**

12. There will be no fiscal impact from transferring responsibility for ballot measure fiscal notes from the state budget director to the legislative fiscal analyst.